

VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 1280

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN

WHEREAS, Section 3.09 of the Village Charter allows the Council of the Village of Georgetown (“Council”) to determine adopt its own rules, regulations, or by-laws; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.09 of the Village Charter also declares “The public shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at each meeting under such rules as the council shall prescribe.”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio, a two-thirds majority of all members thereof concurring as follows:

SECTION 1: Members of the public may only address Council during the Public Comment segment of the agenda and shall be limited to five (5) minutes each.

SECTION 2: The Mayor, or, in the Mayor’s absence, the Presiding Officer, may, at their discretion, respond to questions or comments made during the Public Comment. Responses may be delegated to other members of Council or staff if deemed appropriate.

SECTION 3: Outside of the Public Comment segment of the agenda, the public may address Council only with the permission of the Mayor or Presiding Officer.

SECTION 4: Persons addressing Council are expected to observe a level of civility and decorum appropriate for public meeting. The use of obscene or profane language, personal attacks, slander, libel, defamation, physical violence or the threat thereof which the Mayor or Presiding Officer determines is intended as a disruption of the meeting shall constitute Disturbing a Lawful Meeting pursuant to R.C. § 2917.12.

SECTION 5: The Mayor or Presiding Officer reserves the right to rule out of order disruptive, threatening, or otherwise unprofessional conduct as set forth above of any meeting participant. Any person determined by the Mayor or Presiding Officer to be violating this rule, or engaging in conduct defined in R. C. §2917.12 which obstructs or interferes with the ability of Council to conduct the meeting, may be ordered to be removed from the meeting by the Mayor or Presiding Officer.

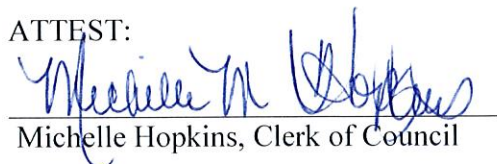
SECTION 6: That the Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted at a legally convened meeting of Council held on the 8th day of April, 2021.



Dale E. Cahall, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Hopkins, Clerk of Council